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SUMMARY: PRIOR VISITING DONAUPARK WITH ASST. SECRETARY LEWIS, DR. KLESTIL GAVE EXPLICIT ASSURANCE THAT SPACE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE THERE FOR U.S. MISSION TO IAEA. END SUMMARY

1. WHILE WAITING FOR ASST. SECRETARY LEWIS TO JOIN US FOR A SCHEDULED VISIT TO THE UN HEAD-QUARTERS SITE AT DONAUPARK APRIL 28, I DISCUSSED WITH DR. THOMAS KLESTIL, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR UN HEADQUARTERS MATTERS IN THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE PROSPECTS FOR UTILIZATION OF PRESENTLY UNASSIGNED SPACE IN THE NEW HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX. HE INFORMED ME IN SOME DETAIL OF THE VISIT OF TWO UN REPRESENTATIVES THE PREVIOUS WEEK TO DISCUSS THAT VERY PROBLEM.

2. I THEN EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN KNOWING
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IF IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. MISSION

TO IAEA TO OBTAIN SPACE IN THE COMPLEX. WITH-
OUT HESITATION HE PROMOSD ME THAT HE COULD
GUARANTEE SUCH SPACE AS BEING AVAILABLE TO THE
U.S. MISSION AND INQUIRED REGARDING AN ESTIMATE
OF THE AMOUNT OF SPACE REQUIRED, POINTING OUT
THAT THE EXISTING STRUCTURES HAD BEEN BASED
ON A FIGURE OF 12 SQUARE METERS PER PERSON.
PURELY AS AN ESTIMATE I TOLD HIM THAT WE MIGHT
REQUIRE SPACE FOR UP TO 20 PEOPLE, FIGURING
THAT SPACE FOR TWO PEOPLE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO
PROVIDE FOR A CONFERENCE ROOM WITHIN THE MISSION
WHICH WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND THAT SPACE
FOR THREE PEOPLE WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR OUR
DELEGATION TO UNESCO. KLESTIL INDICATED THAT

WOULD POSE NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER.

3. I THEN INQUIRED REGARDING THE CONDITIONS UNDER
WHICH THE MISSION MIGHT RENT SUCH SPACE. KLESTIL
INDICATED THAT RENTALS WOULD BE BASED ON THE GOING

RENTAL RATE FOR COMPARABLE SPACE AT THE TIME.
HE WAS EXPECTING TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE UN AN
ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY THE UN WOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE ENTIRE COMPLEX, BOTH THAT PORTION
OCCUPIED BY UN AGENCIES AND SUCH REMAINING
PORTION AS MIGHT BE RENTED OUT. RENTAL
PAYMENTS WOULD BE BASED ON A CONTRACT APPROVED
BOTH BY THE UN AND THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT AND
SUCH PAYMENTS AS WERE NOT REQUIRED FOR MAINTENANCE
WOULD REVERT TO THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES.
KLESTIL MADE IT CLEAR WE SHOULD NOT DISCLOSE HIS
COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE US SUCH SPACE OUTSIDE U.S.
CIRCLES. HE INDICATED THAT EARLY IN 1977 THE
AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT WILL BE PREPARED TO MAKE
DECISIONS PERMITTING MISSIONS ATTACHED TO UN
AGENCIES TO OBTAIN SPACE IN THE BUILDING. UNTIL
THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THEY ARE ANXIOUS THAT THE
UN NOT BE AWARE OF SUCH PLANS IN HOPES OF BRINGING
AS MUCH PRESSURE ON THE UN AS POSSIBLE TO ASSIGN
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ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS IN VIENNA.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, AND BEFORE ASST. SECRETARY LEWIS
ARRIVED WE WERE JOINED BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE DR. HAYMERLE. KLESTIL
TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO INFORM HAYMERLE THAT HE HAD
JUST MADE A COMMITMENT TO ME THAT THE U.S. MISSION
TO IAEA COULD COUNT ON HAVING SPACE IN THE DONAUPARK

COMPLEX. HAYMERLE TOOK NO EXCEPTION TO KLESTIL'S ACTION.

5. DURING THE COURSE OF OUR VISIT TO THE SITE WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY LWSI, KLESTIL POINTED OUT THE PRESENTLY UNCOMMITTED BUILDING AND INFORMED MR. LEWIS THAT THAT WAS WHERE HE HAD GIVEN ME THE CHOICE OF ANY SPACE I WANTED. LATER ON HE AGAIN SAID THAT HE WAS GIVING THE U.S. FIRST CHOICE OF SUCH SPACE AS IT MIGHT REQUIRE. STONE

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